

Quaker Meeting Records

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1708-1934
2 mss. boxes

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Historical Note:

These record books were compiled by Webster Parry. Webster Parry (1848-1936) was a Richmond, Indiana Quaker accountant and businessman best known as a genealogist of Quaker families. He first began collecting information on Quakers in the 1880s.

Friends began their radical redefinition of Christian Truth in England in the 17th century. George Fox was the great driving force of the early years. At the very center of the Quaker faith lies the concept of the Inner Light. This principle states that in every human soul there is implanted a certain element of God's own Spirit and divine energy. Quakerism in Indiana has its origins in the great migration of Friends of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina into the Old Northwest Territory in the first half of the nineteenth century.

For further readings on Quakerism see:

Buys, John William. Quakers in Indiana in the Nineteenth Century., 1973.
Hamm, Thomas D. The Quakers in America. New York: Columbia UP, 2003.
Nelson, Jacquelyn S. The Society of Friends in Indiana During the Civil War., 1984.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of transcribed Quaker monthly meeting records, by Webster Parry, from the Quaker communities listed below. The types of information contained in the books consist of the dates for births, marriages, deaths, and certificates received for the Quaker communities. The record books are organized alphabetically by community name.

Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1:

Folder

1. Back Creek, 1838-1853
2. Cherry Grove, 1758-1890
3. Duck Creek, 1759-1908
4. Hopewell. 1773-1895
5. Milford, 1762-1894
6. Mill Creek, 1752-1880
7. Mississinewa, 1773-1893
8. Pipe Creek, 1806-1881
9. Plainfield, 1812-1895
10. Poplar Run, 1776-1893

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1. Spiceland, 1792-1913
2. Union, 1708-1880
3. Union, 1813-1860Mississinewa, 1832-1882
4. Walnut Ridge, 1790-1893
5. West Grove, 1741-1893Chester, 1812-1934
6. West Union, 1768-1897
7. White Lick, 1823-1893